

The Feds, The Future: Policy Impacts



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About AASCU

- **400 presidents/chancellors of public universities & systems**
- **Emphasis: undergraduate education, college access, student success, institutional leadership**
- **Federal lobbying and federal/state/institutional policy leadership**
 - **Only D.C. higher ed association with state policy focus in addition to federal focus**
- **Leadership/professional programming for CEOs, CAOs, Government Relations, Communications, International Affairs**

AASCU Public Policy Agenda

- Annual summary of state and federal policy priorities
- Focus on student access, affordability and success
- Endorsed by several other higher education groups



“Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017” (Senate Health Care Bill)

- **Key provisions affecting higher ed:**
 - Medicaid changes for state budgets, higher ed funding
 - Academic and Teaching Hospitals
 - Student Health Care

Health Care vs. Higher Ed

Experts worry drawdown of federal funding for Medicaid expansion puts pressure on public higher ed funding.

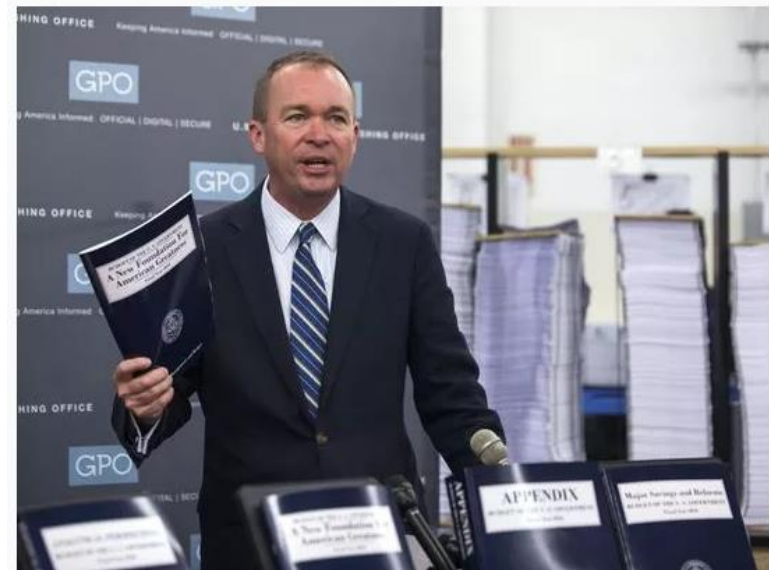
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Budget and Appropriations

- **FY17 Federal Budget**
- **FY18 Budget Proposal**
- **State Budgets**
- **State-federal partnership**



Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney participates in a photo-op to review the production run of the FY2018 budget in the Government Publishing Office on May 19, 2017. (Photo: Jim Lo Scalzo, European Pressphoto Agency)

Federal Student Aid

- **Loan Servicing**
- **Borrower Defense**
- **Gainful Employment**
- **In-school interest subsidies**

Title IX-Sexual Assault

- **Latest OCR Action**
- **Legislation on Capitol Hill**
- **State legislation**
- **Implications for campuses**

Free Speech on Campus

- Senate hearing
- OCR action
- State free speech bills



Conclusion

- **Numerous issues in DC will affect the states**
- **Key for SHEEOs, college presidents, to weigh in on the conversation---participate in national associations, engage your elected officials at the state and federal level with facts (vs. alternative facts)**
- **Questions?**

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